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Examiner : Jeffrey C. Mullis  
Applicants : Petar R. Dvornic et al.  
Appln. No. : 09/888,736  
Filing Date : June 25, 2001  
Confirmation No. : 2078  
For : HYPERBRANCHED POLYMER DOMAIN NETWORKS AND METHODS OF MAKING SAME

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment and Response in the above-identified application.

Any fee for additional claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Col. 1		Col. 2	Col. 3	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total Claims	* 24	Minus	** 34	= 0	x \$9	\$ 0	x \$ 18	\$
Independent Claims	* 2	Minus	*** 4	= 0	x \$42	\$ 0	x \$ 84	\$
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims \$140						\$ 0	x \$280	\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0		\$

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1. ☐ Small entity status of this application 37 CFR §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted or is enclosed.
2. ☒ No additional fee is required.
3. ☐ A check in the amount of \$  is attached.
4. ☒ Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16 2463. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

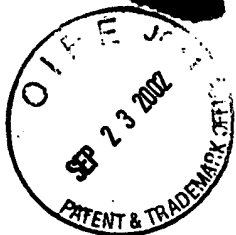
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed August 15, 2002, Applicants request entry of the following amendments.

In the Claims:

Amend claims 7, 12, 19 and 24 to read as follows:

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7. (Amended) The composition of claim 6, wherein the branched polymer has a degree of branching less than 5%.

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12. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the hyperbranched polymer is selected from the group consisting of hyperbranched polyureas, hyperbranched polyurethanes, hyperbranched polyamidoamines, hyperbranched polyamides, hyperbranched polyesters, hyperbranched polycarbosilanes, hyperbranched polycarbosiloxanes, hyperbranched polycarbosilazenes, hyperbranched polyethers, hyperbranched poly(ether ketones), hyperbranched poly(propyleneimine), hyperbranched polyalkylamines, or copolymers thereof.

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19. (Amended) The cured reaction product of claim 18, wherein the branched polymer has a degree of branching less than 5%.